

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for producing an activated carbon for canisters, comprising the ~~step~~ steps of:

adsorbing an organic compound onto an activated carbon by bringing the organic compound, which is the same as naphthalene, or whose boiling point is higher than that of ~~the same as naphthalene or higher, into contact with~~ ~~onto~~ an activated carbon comprising pores which exhibit a 10Å or more pore diameter distribution, thereby selectively closing pores having a pore diameter of 20Å or less

desorbing the organic compound by treating the activated carbon at a higher temperature than the boiling point of the organic compound; and

cooling the activated carbon in an inert gas atmosphere.

2. (Previously Presented) The process set forth in claim 1, wherein the organic compound and activated carbon are heated while the organic compound adsorbs onto the activated carbon.

3. (Original) The process set forth in claim 1, wherein the activated carbon is heated after the organic compound is adsorbed onto the activated carbon, thereby selectively leaving the organic compound only in the pores whose pore diameter falls in a predetermined range.

4. (Original) The process set forth in claim 2 further comprising a step of cooling the activated carbon with the organic compound adsorbed in an inert gas atmosphere.

5. (Original) The process set forth in claim 3 further comprising a step of cooling the activated carbon with the organic compound adsorbed in an inert gas atmosphere.

6. (Canceled)